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SUBJECT: SUDANESE MEDIATION BETWEEN EPMG AND ERITREA

REF: KHARTOUM 0339 AND 0346

1. ASSUME DEPT HAS HEARD NIMEIRI'S LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELEMENTS OF HIS NEW ETHIOPIAN INITIATIVE: CEASE FIRE, TALKS IN KHARTOUM WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS, AND GENERAL AMNESTY FOR THOSE "WHO PERFORMED A DUTY IN THE ERITREAN MOVEMENT." NIMEIRI, WHO RAISED MATTER IN COURSE HIS MONTHLY TV ADDRESS TO NATION FEB. 10, SAID THAT SOME QUOTE BROTHERS FROM ERITREAN REVOLUTIONARIES UNQUOTE HAD ARRIVED IN KHARTOUM AND OTHERS WERE EXPECTED, BUT RESPONSE NOT YET RECEIVED FROM EPMG.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THERE IS LOCAL SPECULATION NIMEIRI'S RECENT INITIATIVE ENCOURAGED BY LIBYA AND SAUDI ARABIA, FACT HE PUBLICIZED DETAILS HIS PROPOSAL IN REGULAR MONTHLY ADDRESS SUGGESTS HIS MOVE AT LEAST IN PART DESIGNED FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION. MOREOVER, EPMG CAN HARDLY
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BE EXPECTED ON ITS RECORD TO AGREE TO AMNESTY IN TERMS

SUGGESTED. THERE NEVERTHELESS NO QUESTION BUT THAT GOS
IS GENUINELY CONCERNED LEST EXTENDED FIGHTING IN ERITREA
FORCE SUDAN EXTEND MEASURE OF SUPPORT TO LARGELY MOSLEM ERI-
TREANS WHO NOW SEEM TO HAVE ALMOST UNANIMOUS ARAB BACKING.
THIS WOULD CLEARLY ALIENATE ETHIOPIA WHICH MATERIALLY HELPED
NIMEIRI ON SUDANESE SOUTHERN PROBLEM AND HAS SO FAR CIRCUM-
SCRIBED ACTIVITIES SEVERAL THOUSAND ARMED MALE ANSAR
FOLLOWERS OF THE LATE IMAM HADI AL-MAHDI. THEY
HAVE BEEN LIVING INSIDE ETHIOPIA ON OFFICIAL UNHCR
DOLE SINCE THEIR FLIGHT FROM ABA ISLAND MASSACRE IN
MARCH 1970.
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